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SYSTEM FOR INTERNAL  
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated November 7, 2005, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

A petition for extension of time is submitted herewith, making this response timely.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this document.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this document.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 10 of this document, and include an attached replacement drawing sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: